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Application Number	10/697,719
Filing Date	October 30, 2003
First Named Inventor	Patrick J. Houle
Art Unit	3626
Examiner Name	Robert D. Rines
Attorney Docket Number	082238.3000-101

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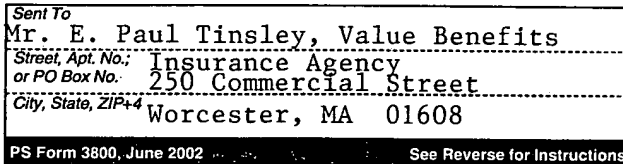
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Mr. E. Paul Tinsley
Value Benefits Insurance Agency, Inc.
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Re: U.S. Patent Application No.: 10/697,719
Title: Integrated System and Method for Insurance
Products
Inventor: Patrick J. Houle, et al.
Our Docket No.: 082238.3000-101

RESPONSE REQUIRED BY SEPTEMBER 12, 2006

Dear Mr. Tinsley:

Enclosed is a copy of the Office Action we have received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. A copy of the references and claims as pending are enclosed for your convenience. A response to the Office Action is due on or before **September 30, 2006**. Please note extensions of time to respond, up to December 30, 2006 are available upon the payment of additional fees.

In the Action, claims 1-32 were been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Freedman et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0002475).

In addition to the above, claims 1-32 were also provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-32 of co-pending Application No. 10/697,719. This objection can be overcome by filing a terminal disclaimer for this case.

Because our files indicate that you did not want to pursue this application further, we have not reviewed the Freedman reference or the Examiner's rejection. As you are aware, Attorney Dwight Schweitzer (tel. 305-576-2055) was in contact with our office regarding the possibility of his client obtaining rights to this patent. We have not had further word from Attorney Schweitzer and, in order to keep the patent pending, a response to the Office Action must be filed.

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As you are aware, the attorney who drafted this application, Tom Hoover, is no longer with Bowditch & Dewey. The scope of the prior art is beyond the scope of our firms technical expertise and advise you to seek other counsel if you plan on filing a substantive response. This transfer needs to be done as soon as possible in order to best protect your company's interests. We also recommend transferring the co-pending case identified below at this time:

Our Docket No.	Title	Serial No.	Filing Date
082238.3000-100	Integrated System and Method for Insurance Products	10/135,191	04/29/2002

To protect your pending patent interests, we recommend that you immediately hire another patent attorney to continue prosecution of your patent matters. In an attempt to make this transition as smooth as possible, please complete the enclosed File Transfer Authorization, Revocation of Power of Attorney with New Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address, and Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b) documents which revoke all previous powers of attorney and authorize us to effect transfer of your matters to new counsel. Please sign and date each document where indicated and return these documents to us as soon as possible. A self-addressed stamped envelope has been enclosed for your convenience.

Due to the time-sensitive nature of patent prosecution, it is imperative that we receive the above-referenced documents as soon as possible. **If we do not receive these documents by September 30, 2006, we will transfer your files to you and file a request with the United States Patent and Trademark Office to withdraw as attorney of record for these matters.**

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Very truly yours,



Jodi-Ann McLane

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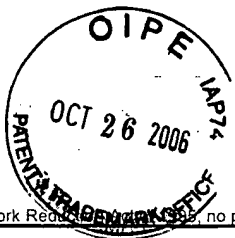
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Title	Integrated System and Method for Insurance Pr
Art Unit	3626
Examiner Name	Robert D. Rines
Attorney Docket Number	082238.3000-101

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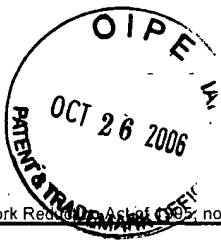
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Art Unit	3626
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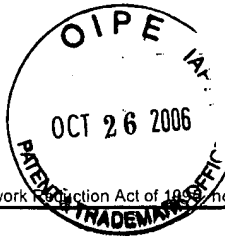
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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicant/Patent Owner: Patrick J. Houle, et al.

Application No./Patent No.: 10/697,719 Filed/Issue Date: October 30, 2003

Entitled: Integrated System and Method for Insurance Products

Value Benefits Insurance Agency, Inc., a corporation
(Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

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